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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	10/747,704	CROMER ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
	Viet Vu	2154	

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#### Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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#### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 June 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 24 December 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)            | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)           |
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**Art Rejections:**

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

3. Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bahl et al, U.S. pat. No. 7,146,133, in view of Grobler et al, U.S. pat. Appl. Pub. No. 2005/0048997.

Per claim 1, Bahl discloses a method comprising:

a) obtaining network access operation parameters including infrastructure configuration (802. 11b WLAN) and Adhoc configuration (Bluetooth) (see col 9, lines 54-64 and col 15, lines 46-60);

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**b)** establishing an infrastructure network connection

corresponding to the infrastructure configuration using a wireless device; and

**c)** maintaining the infrastructure network connection while concurrently communicating over an Adhoc network corresponding to the Adhoc configuration using the wireless device (see col 17, lines 3-18).

Bahl does not explicitly retrieving configuration profile for a particular network access interface. The use of such configuration profile to enable configuring a network interface device to establish connection to a network is well known in the art as disclosed by Grobler. Particularly Grobler teaches utilizing downloadable configuration file/profile (i.e., set of configuration parameters) to configure the network interface device to establish connection with a particular network (see Grobler in paragraphs 79-81).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to utilize such configuration profile in Bahl because it would have enabled Bahl to obtain necessary network access information (see Bahl in col 15, lines 46-60).

Per claims 2 and 4-5, Bahl discloses using a time slicing mode to allow two concurrent wireless connections transmitting

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data in mutually exclusive timeframes (see col 17, lines 29-35). Bahl does not explicitly teach using a watchdog timer. It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art to utilize such timer in Bahl because it would have enabled implementing the time slicing mode.

Per claim 3, Bahl teaches implementing a virtual driver (VCD) to resolve conflicts between different wireless protocols and to provide simultaneous connections to different wireless networks (see col 13, line 21 - col 14, line 62).

Per claims 6-7, Grobler teaches sending commands to inquiry the device drivers for their readiness for accepting data (see Grobler's table 10, cols 13-14).

Claims 8-20 are similar in scope as that of claims 1-7.

**Conclusion:**

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Viet Vu whose telephone number is 571-272-3977. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 7:00am to 4:00pm. The Group general information number is 571-272-2100. The Group fax number is 571-273-8300.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nathan Flynn, can be reached on 571-272-1915.

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